

Hurricane Ida Pummeling Southeastern U.S.; Terror Threat Persists In Kabul Following Attacks; Americans Warned To Stay Away From Kabul Airport; Reports Indicate Taliban Had Offered To Let U.S. Secure Kabul; U.S. Lawmakers Assisting Evacuation Efforts; Interview with Rep. Ken Buck (R-CO)

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STEVE HILTON, FOX NEWS CHANNEL HOST: Breaking tonight, people trapped in Kabul trying to get out are being sent this message telling them that international military evacuations have ended. Much more than that ahead.

Good evening, everyone. Welcome to THE NEXT REVOLUTION, I'm Steve Hilton and this is the home of positive populism: Pro-worker, pro-family, pro- community, and especially pro-America.

Of course, first tonight, the latest on Hurricane Ida. Let's go now to Mike Tobin in New Orleans -- Mike.

MIKE TOBIN, FOX NEWS CHANNEL CORRESPONDENT: Well, Steve, it seems that as far as the intensity of this storm goes in New Orleans, this last hour has been about the greatest intensity that we have seen both in terms of a wind gust and move up Canal Street here, and the volume of water. Sheets and sheets of rain are moving through.

The unfortunate thing now with the sundown, I can't do is pan the camera around and give you a look at much of what has happened in large part because power is out for all of New Orleans now due to what has been described as catastrophic damage to the transmission system.

What that means, frankly, we're going to have to wait for the storm to pass for morning to come around and get the details on what that means in terms of the catastrophic damage. But we know that whenever there's a storm like this, the ground gets soft, the trees get toppled by the winds, and they take the power lines out with them. Hundreds of thousands of people without power now.

In terms of damage, we know that in St. Bernard County, actually let me back up, here in New Orleans, we know that one house has collapsed, and according to a tweet from the New Orleans Fire Department, an adult male was trapped inside of that house.

As far as St. Bernard County and the barges, 22 barges got loose. They're getting blown around the river. We know in the town of Lafitte, one of the barges hit a bridge there or at least a barge hit a bridge there and officials are warning people to stay away from that bridge because there is no way for them to check the structural integrity of the bridge while this storm is still here.

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In terms of the storm itself. Well, we've certainly seeing a lot of wind damage around here, but it is about due east of New Orleans right now according to the radar.

So, we've got the eastern edge of the eyewall that is coming through and that is why we've got this much intensity of the storm. I would ballpark the wind gusts that are coming through New Orleans upwards of 80 miles an hour in terms of what we've experienced.

But the key issue, I think here now is that the levee system that would have been fortified since Hurricane Katrina, those are being tested. The officials out here expressed a lot of confidence with the design and with the investment into the levee system. They feel safe about that. The problem is, all of this water that is coming in.

New Orleans is below sea level. When the water comes in, the water stays. They rely on a pump system to get the water out. The problem is, the pumps are simply being overwhelmed by the volume of water that is coming in.

They can handle a little less than an inch an hour, but what was predicted to come in was better than three inches an hour and we certainly are seeing volume, a great deal of water coming in, Steve, and again, this really seems to be about the peak of the intensity in terms of wind and water what we are experiencing right now.

And I can tell you, the wind gusts are picking up right now. It's a little bit like being sandblasted. The raindrops are broken up into tiny little particles, and they just sting the side of your face -- Steve.

HILTON: Wow, thank you, Mike. Thanks for your reporting all day on this. We appreciate that.

We'll be bringing you updates on Ida throughout the hour. And in fact, later on, we have the Governor of Louisiana who can give us an update especially on that situation with the levees, incredibly important.

Meanwhile, today, Biden showed up at F.E.M.A. for a pointless photo opportunity, seemed a little bit grumpy. Have a look.

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QUESTION: Mr. President, on Afghanistan.

JOE BIDEN (D), PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: I'm not going to answer Afghanistan now.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

HILTON: He doesn't want to talk about Afghanistan, but we do.

Two weeks ago, on August the 14th, Marine Nicole Gee texted her sister from Kabul Airport. "Don't be scared. There's a lot in the news lately, but there's a lot of Marines and soldiers who are going to provide security. We've been training for this evacuation and it's actually happening. So, I'm excited for it. Hopefully it's successful and safe. I love you."

Well, it wasn't successful. It was a disaster. And it was the very opposite of safe for that brave Marine. She came back from Kabul today in a casket.

Biden was there, he saw it. He saw what he had done. Good.

Maybe now he'll stop those offensive little speeches telling us what great progress he is making with his historic airlift.

Here's how the mother of one of the other murdered Marines put it. "Biden is a feckless, dementia-ridden piece of crap."

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It would have been hard to imagine last Sunday that the pathetic pitiful man in the White House could have fallen any lower, but fall he did, to new depths of weakness, incompetence, and cruelty.

Last Sunday, hours before we came on air, Biden said he was looking at extending his August 31st deadline for removing all U.S. troops from Afghanistan. But on Tuesday, he was wheeled out to say that actually no, he wouldn't move the deadline. What changed between Sunday and Tuesday?

On Monday, Biden sent his C.I.A. Director, William Burns to Kabul to negotiate with the Taliban. It wasn't much of a negotiation. They said, no, sorry, we're not extending your deadline. It's our deadline now, so you'd better get out. And Biden just rolled over and accepted it despite the chaos, despite pleas from Britain, France, Germany -- everyone. Despite the fact that he knew it would mean leaving countless Americans and our allies stranded behind enemy lines.

On Wednesday, when he was asked about that, Biden just laughed, and made a joke about it -- a joke.

And then came Thursday, the deadliest day for our military in a decade, 13 of them murdered. Scores of Afghans murdered, their blood flowing into the sewer where they had desperately gathered. The sewer where Biden's reputation now belongs.

Of course, the terrorists were responsible, but Biden must be held accountable. Those people died because of Biden, and everyone knows it. Biden knows it. He knew it when he finally faced the cameras later that day, a broken, defeated man -- this image, the defining image of a collapsing presidency.

And unbelievably, even after the carnage, he gave the terrorists another victory. Instead of fighting back, Biden actually exploited the deaths of our fallen heroes to say see, this proves I'm right. It's chaos. We've got to run away.

But it's chaos because you're running away, you feeble idiot.

And then Friday, as if Biden thinks we're the idiots, he orders up a random drone strike to try and look tough. If the guy we took out really was the planner of the attack, why the hell didn't Biden take him out before he killed 13 Americans?

Now, he thinks if he could just make it through to Tuesday and get all the troops out, we'll move on. They announced on Thursday after weeks of telling us there is no way they could put a number on how many Americans are left in Afghanistan. They can now magically say there are 1,500 and 500 of those had already left. Today, they are saying it's down to 300. And we know perfectly well that any minute they're going to announce that all those Americans are out.

Do they really think we're going to fall for this? They don't know there were only 1,500 Americans left. They just picked a number they knew they could evacuate. For all they know, there are 15,000 or more.

"The New York Times" last week reported that even after the press conference, when Blinken announced the 1,500 number, State Department officials confirmed there could be thousands more -- thousands more Americans.

This isn't even counting our Afghan allies, which veterans groups this week estimated at 250,000. Hundreds and thousands of people turned into sitting ducks for torture, terror, or worse by Biden, and all because he wanted his mission accomplished moment. He wanted to be the one to stop the endless war. Well, he didn't even establish a mission, let alone accomplish one.

He didn't stop the endless war, he just restarted it.

Everyone agrees that what he's done has increased the threat of terrorism and decreased our ability to fight it. His own regime raised the domestic threat level here as a direct result of what Biden did there. He keeps blaming Trump and the deal he made with the Taliban, but Trump's deal had conditions attached, and one of them was for the Taliban to work with the Afghan government, which they obviously didn't do.

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There was no reason to stick to that deal, the Taliban broke it. You think Trump would have stood for that? There was no reason to take all the troops out. Trump left enough to protect our anti-terror operations. There was no reason to leave Bagram Air Base. Trump said just last week, his plan was to keep it.

Everyone told Biden what a disaster that would be, but Biden did it anyway. Now, he says the military told him Bagram wasn't worth keeping. That is a flat out lie.

With the resources Biden gave them, they had to choose between guarding Bagram and the embassy and Biden knew that. Even as he was doing it, he was pressed on the consequences. He pulled out of Bagram in the middle of the night on July the 1st. On July the 2nd, at the White House, he was touting economic news, but reporters kept asking him about Bagram.

Here's what he said. "I want to talk about happy things, man."

Oh, you just want to talk about happy things. What is this? Story time at the kids' library? You ran for President, not Santa Claus. No wonder Biden's entire regime is falling apart.

You've got Blinken giving out a kill list to the Taliban. You've got the Defense Department boasting about building 50,000 housing units practically overnight to provide accommodation for at-risk Afghans while we've got 37,000 of our own veterans homeless on the streets of America.

You've got the head of CENTCOM burbling on about how impressive the Taliban are, and some other General tweeting about Women's Equality Day in the middle of all this.

No wonder there is now a crisis of morale inside our military. No wonder this brave Marine Commander risked his career and his pension to raise the alarm.

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LT. COL. STUART SCHELLER, RELIEVED OF DUTY ON FRIDAY: I want to say this very strongly.

I have been fighting for 17 years. I am willing to throw it all away to say to my senior leaders, I demand accountability.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

HILTON: Of course, instead of the accountability he rightly called for, he was the one that was fired. Instead of the ex-arms dealer masquerading as Defense Secretary, why is he still in his job? Why is the swamp lobbyist filling in time before his next corporate gig still our Secretary of State?

And why is that vain narcissistic blob, General Milley, the man who told every passing journalist writing a book that he, Milley, a General might just have to step in and save democracy from the threat of Donald Trump, the duly elected President. This truly appalling man, Milley, who thinks it's his job to divide the country with his work musings, instead of defending the country with force and conviction. Why on earth is this man, still Chairman of the Joint Chiefs?

But above all, why is Biden still in the White House after this entirely avoidable catastrophe that has killed our Marines, stranded thousands of Americans behind enemy lines, created a new safe haven for terrorists to plan attacks on America, alienated our allies and brought shame and humiliation to the presidency in this country? To quote his words.

Mr. President, and no, you do not deserve the honor of that title. But as a proud American as someone who respects the Constitution, I will use it even for you, even now, Mr. President, for what you've done to those families, to this country, to our standing and authority in the world. We will not forgive, we will not forget. We will hunt you down and make you pay, peacefully with every political and legal means at our disposal.

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Tell us what you think @SteveHiltonx and @NextRevFNC and share this message when we post it.

Now, we've got Sara Carter joining us, Morgan Ortagus.

Sara, this latest news tonight that they have just done now, they've just send out messages that the evacuations are over. If you're there, that's it. You've had it. I mean, what are you hearing on the ground? What do you make of the latest news?

SARA CARTER, FOX NEWS CHANNEL CONTRIBUTOR: Oh, gosh, Steve, it's horrific. We -- I've sent a video over to your team. I know we can't play it tonight because there's a lot of details on that video, but it is an American family.

I can't tell you how many Americans are going to be left behind. They were trapped at a Taliban checkpoint. They were trying to get through the checkpoint that this White House said people would be able to get through to get to the airport for evacuation.

They had guns pointed at their faces. They were told that they were not allowed to pass through. They have small children. They went ahead and they even videotaped themselves as a record of proof in case something happens to them.

That record of proof went to Congressman Mike Garcia's office. Mike Garcia's office, of course, the people there have been working diligently along with Senator Tom Cotton's office and others like Mike Waltz, to get people out; people like Morgan Ortagus who have been involved in what we call the Digital Dunkirk to rescue people.

I can't tell you how many people are being left behind. Steve, it is terrifying. I've been on the phone with people all day, as I'm sure Morgan has, and they don't know what to do. The Taliban has full control of the city. I expect that the airport will be run over sometime within the next 18 hours when the last of the planes fly out, and we abandon our Americans and our civilians, and this was all because of President Biden and the ineptitude of his administration.

HILTON: Exactly. Let's remember, it's not just those people in Kabul, it's all around the country. I mean, this situation, you know, they think this is all over by Tuesday when everyone comes out. I mean, they are just starting.

Morgan, can I ask you about -- just to follow on from what Sara was saying there about the responsibility for all this. Biden, you know, all week, he's been saying, well, there's nothing I could do. This was Trump's fault, because he handed me this deal. I couldn't change it.

I mean, you were part of that process there with Mike Pompeo. It's just simply not true what he is saying.

MORGAN ORTAGUS, FORMER STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESPERSON: Yes.

HILTON: That this was the only way he could possibly have responded. Could you just lay that out for us and knock back this argument with all the authority you have as actually having been there when it was done.

ORTAGUS: Well, thank you for letting me correct the record on that. And also, thank you to Sara. You know, people like Sara and I are just civilians now who have been trying to help American citizens and people who are eligible to be SIVs, to get them out of harm's way into safety.

And I have to say, in this moment, when our leadership at every level has failed us, the American people have risen, and they have stood up, and they have done the right thing, despite failed leadership. And so that's where I have confidence.

But I'm so glad, Steve, that you asked me this question, because we keep hearing the left saying, well, President Trump negotiated with the Taliban as well -- that is completely the opposite of what Mike Pompeo and his team

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negotiated. There was a lot of things in our negotiation, but first of all, how do you do a successful negotiation where you walk in from the position of strength?

So when Mike Pompeo and his team walked into the room, they were backed up by a president who had released the mother of all bombs, which is, you know, the description for the bomb that's basically right underneath the nuclear weapon in terms of its capacity.

So, they had done that under President Trump's watch. Right? So, that's number one.

Number two, whenever Pompeo came into the room, the Taliban knew that he was a part of the team that took the head off of Qasem Soleimani who was the head of the IRGC Quds Force, aka basically the world's biggest terrorist, until he walked in from a position of strength and he said to them multiple times, you touch one American, and then it's your head, I'm paraphrasing, but also not really.

So when it comes to the negotiation, there was a lot of things that were in -- that were provisions, two main ones. One, of course, is that they would have to break with al-Qaeda, and that they would have to prove it. Another one was not that the Taliban would militarily take over the country.

The negotiation that we set forth said that the Taliban had to come to the negotiating table with the Government of Afghanistan, with women, with civil society. There had to be a political reconciliation. And, of course, we did not see that. The Biden administration, when we handed them the negotiations off to them, they were unable to get to that political reconciliation.

So to pretend that Biden -- that President Biden and Tony Blinken and his team had the same deal going on, that President Trump and Mike Pompeo had going on is a lie. It was a totally different negotiation.

HILTON: Exactly right. And by the way, there's another unbelievable aspect of this that I'm going to be talking to Gerald Bolduc about later on, because we just heard this.. It has just been reported in "The Washington Post" that they actually had -- they were offered by the Taliban the opportunity for us to control Kabul, not just the airport, but all of Kabul. And we said no, you take it, we'll just have the airport.

I mean, unbelievable incompetence. So we're going to have to leave it there. I'm so sorry, because, yes, sorry, guys, we've actually managed to line up someone who can tell us from the ground in Afghanistan, what's going on. So we're going to have to move to that.

But Sara and Morgan, thank you so much for your insights tonight.

All right, U.S. forces are now in the final phases leaving Kabul, yet there are still some Americans and Afghan allies, of course, many thousands trapped behind enemy lines. One of those people is our next guest. It's Samir, a journalist, still stranded in Afghanistan and he has been labeled as a high-valued Taliban target.

Samir, are you there, can you hear me?

SAMIR, JOURNALIST TRAPPED IN AFGHANISTAN (via phone): Yes, yes, I can hear you. Good evening.

HILTON: Thank you so much. So, what is the situation like? We've just been in -- we've just seen this notification that's been sent out saying that the evacuations have stopped. What can you tell us about the mood in Kabul? What are you seeing?

SAMIR: Yes, unfortunately, the evacuation flights have stopped. This is something that made us too worried and concerned.

The situation overall in Kabul is not good. I see, actually, I'm in a safe house. I am not going out, but what I heard from people is everyone's mood is off here in Kabul. They said they expect the future a dark one. They don't think that they are having a bright future. And that's like everyone is in panic that post evacuation, we will have dire

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consequences for people in terms of economy, in terms of the security, as well as threats posed to those who work with governments, who work as journalists, and who work in media outlets.

HILTON: And are you aware of American citizens, either there or around the country who are in the same position, not able to get out now?

SAMIR: Yes, yes. I heard that there are some Afghan-Americans who are stranded in Kabul. They haven't actually found the evacuation flights to leave Afghanistan.

I heard some people say that there are many Americans as well stranded here, yes.

HILTON: And so just last question, Samir, thank you, we really appreciate you speaking to us from right in the thick of it there. I mean, what do you think is going to happen after Tuesday when, you know, that's it, Taliban in full control.

SAMIR: No one actually expects the future. The Taliban came to Kabul suddenly and abruptly. No one expected them to take control of the presidential palace. They did it in a couple of hours' time. That's why people here in Kabul and over Afghanistan think that after the 31st of August, everything will change.

For me as a journalist who worked with the BBC and as an interpreter for the International Security Assistance Force, as well as a news presenter like you who present the English news and Pashtun one as well, I worry that my life is in danger and I am a threat because after 31st of August, everyone like me feels that we have dark days ahead. We have found Taliban sort of searching for us.

HILTON: I just -- I'm just so -- it's so desperate to hear you say that and we just pray that you stay safe and we really appreciate you giving us that update. Thank you very much.

We'll be right back after this short break.

HILTON: All right, welcome back. Continue our live coverage of Hurricane Ida, joining us now with the latest is Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards.

Governor, I really appreciate you joining us on this incredibly busy night for you, obviously, to give us an update. I mean, look, the thing that so many people will be thinking of, especially given the anniversary of Katrina and what happened to your state is, you know, are you seeing anything so far that's making you think this is -- that we're going to avoid the real appalling devastation? Then what's it looking like to you right now?

GOV. JOHN BEL EDWARDS (D-LA): Well, first of all, thank you for having me on, Steve. And you have to remember that in Hurricane Katrina 16 years ago, it was really the failure of the levee that caused the worst part of that disaster by far.

What I can report tonight is the Hurricane Risk Reduction System, the protection system that has been really very much strengthened in the 16 years since Katrina, by the way, about \$14 billion worth of investment there, it's holding up extremely well as our levee systems, even in the Andalusian Terrebonne Parish.

But when you have a storm that is wrong, the storm is actually stronger than Hurricane Katrina and it is going to have the storm surge, it's going to have the wind, it's going to have the rain and we're seeing all of that right now. And look, the storm hasn't even made it to Interstate 10 that connects Baton Rouge in New Orleans.

And so we have a number of hours to go, and it is really going to be tomorrow morning when the sun comes up, that we're really going to be able, first of all, the weather will allow us to get out. But then you'll also be able to see, but we fully expect to see an awful lot of catastrophic damage to homes, to businesses and to infrastructure.

HILTON: And well, first of all, that's really encouraging news, if we can use that word at a night like this, but certainly compared in comparison to what we saw before in relation to the levees. What about the sort of nature of

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the harm that we're seeing? I mean, do you think that people heeded the evacuation orders that were given out? Will it mainly be property damage? What are you expecting?

EDWARDS: Well, it's going to run the gamut. So, we know that we have a lot of damage from floodwaters, but it appears thus far, this is going to be wind driven damage for the most part.

I got off the phone a short while ago with President Gordy Dove of Terrebonne Parish and there have been some significant rain, but he tells me that it's going to be wind for the most part, and it's the winds that are knocking out our electricity.

You know, we have about 800,000 homes and businesses today in southeast Louisiana -- I'm sorry, right now, in Southeast Louisiana without electricity. That's really a function of the wind damage as well.

But right along the path of the hurricane and to the east, primarily, you're seeing an awful lot of rain as well. And I mean, quite frankly, the hurricane is moving much slower than we want to. We need her to pick up some feet and get out of here because the longer she stays, the more damage the wind does and the more rain falls.

HILTON: Well, look, we wish you all the best, you and all your team, so many people are going to be working so hard over the -- already are and over the next few hours and days.

We wish you the best. Thank you so much for that update.

EDWARDS: Thank you, Steve.

HILTON: All right, now let's bring in Commander of the New Orleans District to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Colonel Stephen Murphy.

Let's just follow up on the -- on that point there about the levees because as the Governor said, that was really the big factor with all of that horrific damage and loss of life in Katrina.

I mean, this has been something you've been intimately involved in and your organization, what more can you tell us about that?

COL. STEPHEN MURPHY, COMMANDER, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS: And really to follow up on the Governor's point that the system is stronger than it's ever been before. There really is no comparison to what surrounded New Orleans before Katrina, and what we have now really weathering Hurricane Ida.

HILTON: Right. And then, and one of the things that I was hearing also in relation to the storm surge aspect of this, and I'd love you to speak to this, if you could, is that is that although the storm is stronger, the actual volume -- the amount of surge water that it is bringing with it is less because of the way that it took shape over the Gulf of Mexico. Is that something else that's working in your favor?

MURPHY: We actually designed -- so, this is a \$14.5 billion system that we started constructing right after Katrina, and it is not designed to a hurricane category. It's actually designed to over 150 different storm models.

So, we built the system on combating storm surge, and it will -- right now, by all the reports we're seeing, I know there's the National Weather Service storm surge warning for the south side of New Orleans called the West Bank area, but all the reports we're getting and our modeling is showing that we won't see any other topping.

HILTON: Well, that is really great to hear. That's a really important update and we're very grateful to you for being with us tonight to let us know of that, Colonel Murphy. Thank you very much.

All right, we'll be right back.

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HILTON: Breaking tonight. Hurricane Ida causing a lot of problems in Louisiana. We've been hearing about it all night. Let's go now to Caroline Shively, who is in New Orleans with the latest.

CAROLINE SHIVELY, FOX NEWS CHANNEL CORRESPONDENT: Hi there, Steve. The rain bands here seems to be getting a little farther apart, but when they hit you, we're standing here on Canal Street in the French Quarter, when they hit you, it is hard to keep your feet.

About 20 minutes ago, you see that road sign, it was facing the other way. We heard a shriek of metal, it spun around. We think the only thing holding it to the ground are a couple of bolts. We are seeing seems like that throughout the City of New Orleans. That is why the New Orleans Mayor said, hunker down, that is your only option.

There are literally thousands of tourists and residents in the hotels up and down the French Quarter running without power tonight, trying to just make it through the night -- Steve.

HILTON: Caroline, thank you for that. We'll stay on it all night.

Now, let's move on to the other massive story we're following, obviously, the situation in Afghanistan. Let's bring in our guest, retired U.S. Army General Don Bolduc who served 10 tours in Afghanistan, who is so informative about this whole situation last week.

Great to see you again. Can I just start with it's absolutely astonishing story that we've just seen in "The Washington Post" today, which reports that our military -- this is involving McKenzie, the CENTCOM Commander, and in direct talks with Baradar from the Taliban in Doha, we were offered the opportunity to control all of Kabul and the airport. And we said, no, it's okay. We said to the Taliban, you control the city. We'll just keep the airport.

I mean, what is going on at the senior levels of our military?

GEN. DONALD BOLDUC (RET), U.S. ARMY: Well, I'll tell you what's going on. It's complete and utter incompetence. And I have to tell you, it reminds me of December 8, 2001, when Najibullah in Kandahar, offered us just a small portion of the Kandahar City and he would retain the rest.

Now, he was the Taliban commander there and we told him no. And we said, it's your unconditional surrender and we expect you to be at this location to render it to Hamid Karzai and if you're not there, we're going to find you and we'll handle it a different way.

And he was there. He surrendered. Karzai took Kandahar, and then the rest is history.

You do not -- what a difference it would have made for us to have Kabul. You wouldn't have -- we wouldn't -- they wouldn't have been able to get close to the airfield. We wouldn't have had this explosion. We wouldn't have had these 13 deaths, we wouldn't have Kabul, a city that was thriving as now, is an utter cesspool of humanitarian proportions.

It is just absolutely unconscionable, if that was offered and the decision was not to accept that then that is -- not only is it incompetence, but it is absolute bad military judgment.

HILTON: Yes, it's unbelievable, isn't it? Let's just turn to the broader situation. I mean, last week, you were very clear with us. You said, look, to get -- to really make sure that we get all Americans out, our allies and so on, you said that there's no shortcut. It obviously can't be done by the deadline. We're going to have to extend it. Another 6,000 or so troops, another six or eight months, retake the regional airfields. Incredibly clear plan.

That's obviously not going to happen. Biden is sticking to the deadline, even with the attack on Thursday. Given that, do you think that -- and bearing in mind what Leon Panetta said, which is we're going to have to go back in at some point because of the complete mess that's been made. He was talking about terrorism, of course.

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Do you think that actually, despite what Biden is saying now, at some point, we will have to go back in?

BOLDUC: We're absolutely going to have to go back in because not only will Afghanistan require us to go in because of the expansion of ISIS and al-Qaeda, because of the -- just the opportunity of ungoverned spaces like what's happened in East Africa and North Africa, and what, you know, all of the places where they take advantage of ungoverned spaces, this is going to happen. We're going to have to go back in.

So let's extend the deadline. Let's get all the Americans out and once we do that, go in there and destroy the Taliban, destroy al-Qaeda, destroy ISIS, and then reclaim our credibility in the world. And what did it take? It took a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Marine Corps to sound off on the incompetence, and what did they do to him? They fired him.

So that's what they do to people that give them the right, you know, information and decisions. They get rid of them.

HILTON: Well, exactly. And I just -- you know, I just want to say, again, thank you for your clarity on all this, and the strength and the conviction you bring to it. This is what we expect from our military, the kind of clarity and strength that you've outlined.

We really appreciate you being with us again this week, and I hope you can join us as this story unfolds, because it's certainly not the end. Not by a long way. General Bolduc, thank you so much.

BOLDUC: Thank you.

HILTON: All right, much more ahead.

HILTON: More now on Afghanistan and a really incredible story. Again earlier, Sara and Morgan were talking about how Americans are stepping up to fill the gap trying to get people out. One of those people is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Colorado Congressman Ken Buck, who joins us now.

And Congressman, I couldn't believe it when I heard this. You and your team, you're working hard to get people out and the State Department are telling you to stop?

REP. KEN BUCK (R-CO): Well, we have sent names to the State Department, we've sent the names directly to the military when we felt we weren't getting a response from the State Department. We continue to work -- we've literally had dozens of names come through our office of individuals and families who are stuck in Afghanistan, some U.S. citizens, but mostly Afghans who have been cooperative with the United States and who are stuck there and are just sure that they will be killed, if they are found.

HILTON: And what have you -- and what has been the interaction from the -- our authorities here? How have they responded to your efforts?

BUCK: The State Department has taken the names. We've never heard back from the State Department on whether people have been released. The military have been very cooperative and interactive and my staff has dealt directly with General Milley's office and we have gotten a lot of respect and a lot of cooperation.

HILTON: And so, just on the broader picture of all of this. I mean, now, you know, we just were reporting tonight that the evacuations have stopped now. That's it. No one is getting out. They shut the gates.

Tuesday is the deadline. You know, the President is going ahead, trying to hit that timetable. Getting everyone all the troops out everything done by Tuesday. I mean, what's going to happen? What do you think is going to happen? They keep talking about how that's not the end of the efforts to get everyone out? I mean, what are your -- what's your assessment of how realistic that is that anyone will be able to be evacuated after Tuesday? There's still thousands left.

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BUCK: There are thousands, there are certainly Americans who will be left and there are tens of thousands of Afghans who need our help and who helped us when we asked for it and it is absolutely immoral to not step up and help the people who risked their lives and the lives of their family members to help us.

A decision was made. It sounds like the President made a decision on the troop level. The military had to decide between the Bagram Air Base and the public airport and they let the airbase go and it sounds like it was premature, and it certainly has resulted in an awful result.

HILTON: But Blinken is saying that it's -- you know, that's not the end of it, and people are going to be, you know, we're going to be working with the Taliban, and they're going to help us get people out. I mean, do you believe that?

BUCK: No, I don't believe that. I think that what we're going to see in the future, I don't believe the Taliban controls all of al-Qaeda and ISIS. I think we're going to see in the future a bloodbath that will result as when we allowed all these prisoners out of -- to be released from jail, when we turned those prisoners over to the Taliban and allowed this situation to result where we were we didn't take our time, where we didn't extend that deadline, and we didn't get these people out, it is going to be too late and it is terrifying.

HILTON: Exactly. It is so outrageous. Well, we very much appreciate everyone watching, well, you know, all the work that you and your team have been putting into it. Congressman Ken Buck, thank you so much for joining us.

All right, there is another huge story in the making and that is the California recall election just a couple of weeks away where it looks increasingly possible that Larry Elder could become Governor. What a political earthquake that would be.

I spoke to Larry on my new podcast, "California Rebel Base," as well as all the California issues, I asked him about Biden and Afghanistan.

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LARRY ELDER (R), CALIFORNIA GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE: In the event that Dianne Feinstein resigns and becomes incapacitated, and no one has seen her for months, I'll have the power to replace her and I'm going to replace her, of course with a Republican that would upset the balance in Washington, D.C., the 50/50 balance in the Senate and they are scared to death.

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HILTON: So that was the other issue I raised with him, which is why everyone should be interested in this election, because it could change the balance of power in the Senate and here's that clip of Larry talking about Biden and Afghanistan.

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ELDER: Donald Trump can be impeached over a call to the Ukrainian President, and this is far more serious. You're absolutely right. It's been a disaster.

He ignored his Defense apparatus and told him not to do this, and he is claiming that his allies are right behind him when I haven't seen or heard a single ally say he is behind him.

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HILTON: So, there you are. Don't miss the full conversation with Larry on my new podcast, "California REBEL BASE." It was absolutely fascinating.

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Tonight, much more ahead. Don't go away.

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HILTON: Welcome back. For the latest on Hurricane Ida, let's go right now to FOX meteorologist, Adam Klotz in the Weather Center. Adam, what's the latest with this storm? And where is it heading?

ADAM KLOTZ, FOX NEWS CHANNEL METEOROLOGIST: Well, Steve, this is a massive storm and it's kind of hard to believe that this is still going on at this point. A Category 3 storm with winds of 115 miles an hour. This made landfall 10 hours ago.

Once these run over land, they do not last for 10 hours. And yet here we are.

So this is a big storm. It's going to be a problem here for the next probably couple of days. But here's where we currently sit, a whole lot of moisture stretching off towards the east. That's some very heavy rain and actually some isolated tornadoes within that.

These are some of our recent wind gusts. And we see New Orleans there, 90 mile an hour wind gusts, getting up to a 60 mile an hour wind gust in Baton Rouge, an area where they typically don't see hurricane force winds and it's going to continue to look that way.

So we have hurricane warnings now stretching up to the Mississippi border.

Where is this going to head? Well, it should weaken overnight and it has to because when you run over land, eventually these things do run out of energy from that heat that's over the Gulf of Mexico. Here is what it looks like. This is a future forecast radar and it is bringing just a whole lot of moisture with it as it lifts up into the Mississippi River Valley, eventually the Ohio River Valley.

So with all that moisture, no surprise here when we're talking about this much rain. These are all flood advisories from portions of Eastern Louisiana, most of Mississippi, good portions of Alabama, and then as far north is Tennessee. And I actually think as this continues to lift to the north, eventually we're going to be seeing more areas where flooding is possible.

How much more is possible? Steve, probably plenty of areas there, six to seven inches more of rain and it is already been an absolute downpour across portions there of Louisiana. So, this is going to be a big storm and something we're going to have to pay close attention to for a couple of days.

HILTON: Yes, I'm just thinking as you're talking, I mean, last Sunday, we had those flash floods in Tennessee. Is it going to be the same areas hit? Do you know that?

KLOTZ: Well, yes, I mean, if we look at this, and I can actually bring you up a little bit farther, that stretches across Nashville across eastern Tennessee and it is eventually going to run up into Pennsylvania. So, these are places that have been soggy and more rains to come.

HILTON: Well, there you are. Thank you, Adam, for keeping us up to date.

We're obviously going to be tracking Hurricane Ida and we're also going to be tracking the first one of the climate zealots. Who is it going to be? Who's going to say see, this hurricane proves we've got to implement the Green New Deal overnight. That's what it proves.

Of course, it's madness. But someone's going to be saying it.

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